

Fort Dodge Kansas
February 7, 1878

To the Post Adjutant

Sir,

I have the honor to report that in compliance with S.O. No. 15 from Post Headquarters dated January 29th 1878.

I started out in pursuit of train robbers accompanied by 6 enlisted men and one light wagon. I left the post at P.M. and arrived at Bluff Creek at 10:30. I found no trace of them there, but learned from reliable sources that "Dutch Henry" was seen a few days previous to the attempted robbery making his way in a North Easterly direction with five men. Also learned that Dutch Henry and his gang had a dug out in the Anderson Timber nearly opposite the mouth of Buffalo Creek on the Cimmaron.

I hired a guide to show me the way thither, Hoping to catch them either there or in some of the cattle camps on the Cimmaron, Bluff Creek or Salt Fork.

Arrived at the dug out two days later which I found unoccupied.

It was well fortified, had rifle pits around it, and could easily